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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: LABAN OPPOSITION GROUP ANNOUNCES
PLATFORM

1. SUMMARY: OPPOSITION LAKAS NG BAYON (LABAN) ANNOUNCED
ITS PRINCIPAL THEME FOR THE APRIL 7 ELECTIONS WILL BE
OPPOSING DICTATORSHIP IN ALL FORMS AND "BUILDING A PEOPLE'S
GOVERNMENT." END SUMMARY.

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 19, LABAN OPPOSITION
COALITION SECRETARY GENERAL NAP RAMA ANNOUNCED THE PRINCIPAL
FOCUS OF ITS CAMPAIGN FOR SEATS IN THE INTERIM BATASANG
PAMBANSA IN MANILA. RAMA SAID THAT THE LABAN GROUP "BELIEVES
IN THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND REJECTS ALL FORMS OF
DICTATORSHIP -- WHETHER LEFT OR RIGHT. WE ARE FOR BUILDING
A PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT WUA PARTICIPATORY, REPRESENTATIVE AND
RESPONSIBLE TO THE BODY POLITIC. AND FOR COMBATTING ALL
FORMS OF DICTATORSHIP, COLONIALISM AND TOTALITARISM, WHETHER
CAPITALISTIC, IMPERIALIST, COMMUNIST, RACIST OR AUTHORITARIAN."
ACCORDING TO DAILY EXPRESS, RAMA SAID THAT OTHER OBJECTIVES
OF THE GROUP INCLUDE:

QUOTE: A) THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW AND ALL ITS
ACCOMPANYING CONSTRAINTS.

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B) THE ABOLITION OF ONE-MAN RULE AND THE
RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

C) THE ENACTMENT OF LAWS FOR THE EQUITABLE
DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND THE REASONABLE
LIMITATION OF THE OWNERSHIP OF URBAN LAND.

D) THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF LABOR, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO STRIKE.

E) THE NATIONALIZATION OF MAJOR INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES WHOSE CONTROL BY THE GOVERNMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND WELL-BEING.

F) THE ADOPTION OF A PROGRAM OF INDUSTRIALIZATION DIRECTED TOWARD NATIONAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND THE PROTECTION OF FILIPINO ENTREPRENEURS AGAINST UNFAIR COMPETITION.

G) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EQUITABLE AND PROGRESSIVE SYSTEM OF TAXATION. UNQUOTE.

3. ANOTHER LABAN CANDIDATE, FORMER REP. NEPTALI GONZALES, SAID THE OPPOSITION WILL WORK "TO MAKE THE LIFETIME OF THE INTERIM BATASANG PAMBANSA AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO HASTEN THE COUNTRY'S NORMALIZATION." THE IBP MUST BE "MERELY A STEPPING STONE" TOWARD NORMALIZATION AND NOT AN INSTITUTION IN ITSELF, HE SAID.
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